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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Johannes Wilhelmus Lubertus LUDOLPHIJ

Serial No. (unknown)

Filed herewith

COLLISION-RESISTANT
DOUBLE-SKIN STRUCTURE,
SUCH AS A DOUBLE-SKINNED
SHIP'S SIDE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) Structure according to Claim 1,
characterised in that those channel parts (4, 5) directed
towards the inner surface of the outer skin of the ship's side
make an angle α of less than 90° with said outer skin.

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[Please amend claim 4 as follows:]

4. (Amended) Structure according to Claim 1,
characterised in that channels (3) are also arranged on the
inner surface of the inner skin (2), which channels (3) are
attached by the tips of the side walls to said inner surface,